

Minutes: Leesburg Tree Commission February 24, 2003

The Leesburg Tree Commission met on Monday, February 24, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Staff present for the meeting was Jay Banks.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson Wolf
 Commissioner Hower
 Commissioner Bessa
 Commissioner Goolsby
 Commissioner Perry
 Commissioner Peterson
 Commissioner Pritchard

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Goolsby made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2002.

Motion: Goolsby
Second: Pritchard
Carried: 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bruce Dewar and Julie Overman attended the meeting.

Carol Evans of the Virginia Dept. of Forestry attended the meeting.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hower made a motion to nominate Commissioner Wolf for Chairman.

Motion: Hower
Second: Perry
Carried: 6-0

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Commissioner Goolsby made a motion to nominate Commissioner Hower for Vice Chairman.

Motion: Goolsby
Second: Perry
Carried: 6-0

Mr. Banks stated that the Towns Park and recreation 20-year open space Master Plan was adopted.

Commissioner Pritchard asked about the Tree Commissions budget.

Mr. Banks stated that the request for the budget to be increased to \$12,000 has been forwarded to the budget committee.

Mr. Banks stated that the ad for the intern position has been extended to March 15, 2003.

Commissioner Member discussed and need for a back up plan to spend allocated funds should the internship fail to generate acceptable applicants.

Commissioner Wolf asked about Arbor Day and the Flower and Garden Show.

Commissioner Members talked about the supplies and educational material that they would need for the Flower and Garden Show and who would be attending to cover the booth on which days. The Arbor Day was also discussed on who would be attending that.

Mr. Banks stated that the Commission usually supplies a judge for the Arbor Day photo contest the date of the photo judging is March 31, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in the County Administration Office. Mr. Banks stated that Arbor Day will be on April 12, 2003 from 10 am – 3 pm, and the Flower and Garden Show will be on April 26 & 27.

Mr. Banks stated that he meet with The Northern Virginia District Landscape Architect for VDOT about the Kousa Dogwoods on the by-pass.

Mr. Banks stated that the Town will be starting to re-write the Town Plan and the Tree Commission will be one of the stakeholders involved in the process.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Pritchard asked Commissioner Perry about the project she was working on for the schools.

Commissioner Perry stated that she is still in the thinking process for Plant a Tree for Me project.

Commissioner Goolsby stated that he would be staying for the Council meeting tonight.

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COUNCILMANIC COMMENTS:

None

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Banks stated that hopefully the Council will pass the new Zoning Ordinance tomorrow night. Mr. Banks stated that he had some workshops that the Commission could attend, one on March 5, 2003 for The Real Dirt on Trees, Urban Wildlife Management on May 5-7, 2003.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Peterson

Second: Bessa

Carried: 7-0

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Jay S. Banks, Urban Forester